



# Big Sky News Newsletter

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Square Dance!

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## *Announcement*

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The beginning of our dance season show very little activity.  
Looks like we still need to figure this puzzle out.

Questions/comments/suggestions for the Big Sky News contact me  
at: [David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com](mailto:David.Hinds@MontanaSquareDancing.com)

## *Inside This Issue*

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### **Editor Commentary**

**Dave shares some thoughts**  
**Club listings**  
**On the Horizon**

## *A note from the Editor?*

The summer has come and gone. Very little dancing has happened. I have heard of dances happening but usually after the fact. In many ways it seems you have these groups get together in a clandestine manner trying there hardest to follow safety protocols and still have fun. Snacks are few, drinks – bring your own, tongs, napkins, hand sanitizer, face masks, and the list goes on. Still we are hopeful that our social activity will survive and thrive. With that in mind let us look into the crystal ball to get a sense of where we are heading.

Be safe and healthy!

Send your comments to [BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com](mailto:BSN@MontanaSquareDancing.com)

David Hinds



# Club Listings

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Billings	Checkerboard Squares	Not dancing, no update
Follow their website, <a href="http://www.SquareDanceMontana.com">www.SquareDanceMontana.com</a>		
	Silhouettes	Not dancing, no update
Great Falls	Dudes 'n' Dolls	Not dancing, hoping to restart 1 Jan 2021
Follow the website, <a href="http://www.MontanaSquareDancing.com">www.MontanaSquareDancing.com</a>		
Hamilton	Boots 'n' Calico	Not dancing, no update
Helena	Last Chance Squares	Not dancing, closed till Jan 2021
Follow the website, <a href="http://www.lastchancesquares.org">www.lastchancesquares.org</a>		
Kalispell	Flatheaders	Not dancing, no update
	FastN'8ers	Not dancing, no update
Lolo	Lolo Squares	Last update, dancing closed through August, no further update
Follow the website, <a href="http://www.lolocampndance.com">www.lolocampndance.com</a>		
	Top Hats	Last update, dancing closed through August, no further update
	Solo Stars	Last update, dancing closed through August, no further update
	Swingola	Last update, dancing closed through August, no further update

## *On the Horizon*

**On the next pages we will highlight those dance events that we know are still scheduled!**

**Montana State Festival 2021**

**USA West 2021**

**Nationals 2021**



# Montana State Festival

## - Registration Form -

Includes Festival Bar if received on or before April 15, 2021

Please Print

\*Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Caller? ( ) or Cuer? ( )

Would you like to be on the program during the Callerama?

Yes ( ) No ( )

Which Days?

Saturday ( ) Sunday ( )

## Trails-In Dance:

Friday, May 28, 2021 - 8:00 PM

6:00 PM - Registration Opens

Caller: Adam Christman

Cuer: TJ and Bruce Chad

## Trails-Out Dance:

Monday, May 31, 2021 - 11:00 AM

All Caller / Cuer

-Dry Camping - No hookups - On school grounds.

-You may park beginning at 4:00pm, Friday, May 28, 2021

-Camping is on first come, first served basis. If you want to park together, please arrive together.

## Showers Available



## LUNCH & DINNER

available for sale on campus



## Directions

From Hwy 93, turn west on Round Butte Rd (Dairy Queen on corner.) Turn north on 3rd. Ronan High School is on the right.

## Lodging

Flathead Lake Inn

406-883-6266

Starlite Motel

406-676-7000

America's Best Value Value Port of Polson

406-883-5385 / 800-654-0682

Nine Pipe Lodge

406-644-2588

Bayview Inn / Budget Host

406-883-3120 / 800-735-6862

Best Western Kwa Taq Nuk Resort

406-883-3636 / 800-882-6363

Swan Hill Bed & Breakfast

406-883-1450

## Camping

Diamond S RV Park 406-676-2267

Eagle Nest RV Resort 406-883-5904

KOA Campground 406-883-2151

50th Montana State  
Square & Round Dance Festival  
May 28 - 31  
2021

Fabulous 50

50 Years of Dance



Ronan High School

130 Third Ave NW

Ronan, MT

Sponsored by The  
Montana Mavericks of Plains, MT



One of the most popular and sought after callers in the world, Tony was introduced to square dancing in 1972 through a

teenage square dance program sponsored by the local Parks and Recreation Department. In 1974 Tony attended Promenade Hall Callers College in Indiana. Success quickly followed. In 1980 Tony made the decision to go full-time with his calling. Tony travels almost 300 days annually doing festivals and dances all over the world. Tony, along with his partner Jerry Story, are co-owners of one of the most popular square dance record labels - Royal Records. Tony is an Accredited Caller Coach and an accredited member of CALLERLAB.



TJ began square dancing in 1975 with a teen group in Boise, Idaho, began round dancing in 1980. Bruce caught the square dance bug in 1995 after attending a square dance on a blind date and sitting on the sidelines watching everyone else dance with his date all night.

That fall he joined beginning classes at 3 different square dance clubs, determined not to sit on the sidelines ever again. They were introduced by mutual friends in 1996 and what started out as "just dance partners" turned into much more and they were married in April, 1999. Bruce and TJ cue and teach phases II through V.



Adam has been around square dancing his whole life. At the age of 3 Adam's club caller, Wayne

Thompson, gave him his first singing call. At age 6 Adam called his song for the first time at a Montana State Square Dance Festival. In 2003, at age 12, he started calling and teaching for his first club in Plains, MT, which became The Montana Mavericks in 2004. Adam has called dances in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, California, and Texas within the United States. Outside the United States he has called in Canada and Scotland. He has been featured caller for many weekend festivals, state festivals, and square dance cruises. In 2013, Adam became the newest member of Rhythm Records. Adam & his wife, Samantha, along with son (Avi) and daughter (Adorabella) reside in Spokane, WA. Adam is a member of CALLERLAB.

## SATURDAY: May 29, 2021

9:00AM - Round Dance Workshop Chadds

10:30AM - Mainstream Callerama All caller & cuer

Noon - Lunch

1:00pm - Badge Dance Adam

2:00pm - Mainstream Workshop Tony

3:30pm - Plus Squares Tony

4:30pm - Advance Squares Tony

5:00pm - Dinner

7:00pm - Mixed Rounds Chadds

7:40pm - Grand March

8:00pm - Mainstream Dance Tony / Chadds

10:15pm - 2022 Afterparty

## SUNDAY: May 30, 2021

9:00AM - Round Dance Workshop Chadds

10:30AM - Mainstream Callerama All caller & cuer

Noon - Lunch

1:00pm - Surprise Dance

2:00pm - Mainstream Workshop Tony

3:30pm - Plus Squares Tony

4:30pm - State Meeting / Dinner

7:30pm - Mixed Rounds Chadds

8:00pm - Mainstream Dance Tony / Chadds

10:15pm - Pizza Party (sold by the slice)

## Weekend Prices

(Does include Trails-In Dance)

Postmarked Before April 15, 2021:

Solo: \$35 Couple - \$70 Family - \$80

Postmarked After April 15, 2021:

Solo: \$45 Couple - \$90 Family - \$100

\* Family: 2 Adults, 2 plus youth  
No Refunds after May 1, 2021

## Individual Prices

Day - \$8 per dancer

Night - \$9 per dancer

All Day - \$17 per dancer

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Square Dance

Mail this form along with your check

payable to:

2021 MT State Festival

8896 Hwy 200, Plains, MT 59859

Info: 406-826-8951





**2021 USA WEST SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®**  
 August 18-21, 2021  
 Handlery Hotel  
 San Diego, California  
[california.usawest.net](http://california.usawest.net)



<p align="center"><b>PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY</b></p> Last Name _____ First Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Cell Phone _____		<p align="center"><b>Where will you be dancing? (check all that apply)</b></p> Squares: <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream <input type="checkbox"/> Plus <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Rounds: <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 3/4 <input type="checkbox"/> Phase 5/6 Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Line Dancing <input type="checkbox"/> Contra Are you a <input type="checkbox"/> Caller <input type="checkbox"/> Cuer <input type="checkbox"/> Contra Caller <input type="checkbox"/> Line Dance Cuer (Please fill out a caller/cuer profile form on our website)																												
<p align="center"><b>REGISTRATION FEES</b></p> Early Bird (May 18, 2019 through June 30, 2020): Adult \$55.00 / Youth \$27.50 Pre-Registration (July 1, 2020 through July 15, 2021): Adult \$65.00 / Youth \$32.50 Door Registration (Beginning July 16, 2021): Adult \$70.00 / Youth \$35.00 <i>**Check website for \$60.00 State Convention Travel Specials beginning July 1, 2020**</i>		<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS</b>  <i>(see other side for further information)</i></p> San Diego Twilight Trolley Tour # _____ @ \$25.00 \$ <u>0.00</u> Catered Mexican Dinner # _____ @ \$15.00 \$ <u>0.00</u> Square Dance (Finest City Squares): \$6.00 at door																												
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<p><b>CANCELLATION FEE: \$10 PER REGISTRATION / NO CANCELLATIONS AFTER 7-15-2021</b>  <b>No ribbons mailed after 7-15-2021</b>          Return this form with payment to:          Jim Maczko &amp; Patty Wilcox, PO Box 712918, San Diego, Ca 92171-2918</p>		<p align="center"><b>CONVENTION USE ONLY</b></p> Registration Received: _____ Ribbon # _____																												



**DANCE AND STAY UNDER ONE ROOF!**  
 All dancing will be at the  
 Handlery Hotel, 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108  
**COME FOR THE DANCING, STAY FOR SOME FUN – SAN DIEGO IN 2021**



<p align="center"><b>HOTEL INFORMATION</b></p> Please contact the hotel directly to book your room reservation: <b>Handlery Hotel</b> 950 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 619-298-0511 or 800-676-6567 Reference <u>2021 USA West Square Dance Convention</u> Hotel Room: \$139.00 per night, plus tax, single or double occupancy (rate applies up to 3 nights before and 3 nights after event) <i>Reservation deadline July 20, 2021 to secure this rate</i> Parking: \$7.00 per night with in & out privileges Amenities: Daily hot breakfast for up to 2 people per room; complimentary wi-fi, heated pool, fitness center, business center, on-site bar and restaurant <a href="https://sd.handlery.com/">https://sd.handlery.com/</a>		<p align="center"><b>WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENTS</b></p> <b>Catered Mexican Dinner:</b> \$15.00 per person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authentic Mexican dinner cooked on site!</li> <li>Menu: Tacos (choice of three meats), hand-made corn and four tortillas, rice, beans, salsa, guacamole, Mexican drinks, water, coffee, dessert</li> <li>Time: 5:00 PM</li> <li>Tentative location: War Memorial Building, San Diego – Balboa Park (north end of the San Diego Zoo parking lot)</li> </ul> <b>San Diego Twilight Trolley Tour:</b> \$25.00 per ticket <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90 minute guided tour on the San Diego Old Town Trolley</li> <li>Boarding at 6:30 PM at the Park Blvd bus stop, a short walk from our dinner venue</li> <li>Highlights include the Gaslamp Quarter, Balboa Park, Coronado Bridge, Coronado Ferry Landing, Little Italy, Embarcadero, and more. Photo stops to view the San Diego skyline and city lights</li> </ul> <b>Square Dancing with the Finest City Squares:</b> \$6.00 at the door <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 – 9:30 PM</li> <li>Caller: Andy Allemao</li> <li>Location: War Memorial Building, San Diego – Balboa Park</li> </ul>	
<p align="center"><b>RV CAMPING</b></p> Summer is prime time in San Diego and campgrounds can be expensive in August. Check our website for information on camping options.		<p align="center"><b>CONVENTION COOKBOOK (\$10.00 pre-order)</b></p> <b>Cook on the Wild Side: Recipes to Feed the Animals</b> with chapters such as: <input type="checkbox"/> Stuff on a Stick and Other Appetizers <input type="checkbox"/> For Herbivores (meatless and meat substitutes) <input type="checkbox"/> For Carnivores (Poultry Pleasures, Beef Benevolence, Seafood Succulence) <input type="checkbox"/> Just Desserts (Pie Paradise; Brownies, Bars & Squares; Cakes & Cupcakes...) <input type="checkbox"/> Tips & Tricks	
<p align="center"><b>VENUE PARKING</b></p> For dancers not staying at the Handlery Hotel, parking will be \$3.00 per entrance (no in & out privileges)			

Check out our website at [california.usawest.net](http://california.usawest.net)

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## Nationals, 2021 Jackson MS



**ULTIMATE FUN IN 2021**

**WELCOME TO JACKSON!**

### **HOME OF THE 70<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION®**

Our Soul Team board was so looking forward to going to Spokane for dancing fun and getting more registrations for our convention. Also getting to sell all the Ways and Means we have because we must raise money to put on our convention. Dan and I were looking forward to traveling this last year like we have for the last three years across the USA promoting the 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC. As all of you are stressed by all the Covid-19 issues so is our board. We want to get people registered and have a big “Reunion” dance next year in Jackson.

We sure hope we get to see all of you in Jackson because our board has been working hard to plan you a fun convention. They can hardly believe there is only ten months till our Convention. There are ten great tours planned to take you all over the state. The Everything Elvis tour is a four-day tour before the Convention starts to take you into the life of Elvis that was born in Mississippi. You want to get registered for the Wednesday night special event that has an Elvis Tribute artist that has won Elvis contests. You will thoroughly enjoy his performance along with the great meal that will be right after the opening ceremony that occurs at 5:00. After the convention you can make plans for Dancing Fun in the Sun on the “Glory” ship going to Eastern Caribbean with Justin Russell and Mike Hogan.

Our Education Chairman, Barbara Read, has developed a program that you will enjoy. The theme for the Education Program in Jackson will be Educate with Soul. She will help those that started the Leadership Certification Program (LCP) in Atlanta to get it finalized in Jackson. The Sew & Save program will provide Make & Takes with Beads & Buttons being the theme. Beaded zipper pulls, Beaded T-shirts, Beaded Pictures, and Jewelry. Look for more plans for Education programs in upcoming E-Magazine editions.

Our Convention center will have dance halls for all our regular dancing. There will be a clogging competition in the Hilton Garden on Friday and Saturday. Wood floors will be provided where needed. There are 6 dance halls on the first floor for different levels of square dancing and round dancing. The second floor has more dance halls for clogging, contra (with live band at night), line dancing, youth, and more squares and rounds, all the education rooms and storage areas for callers and cuers and exhibitions, the NSDC Archive room and the Showcase of Ideas. The third floor has more square and round dance halls and the theater that will be used for the USDA meeting on Wednesday, the Round Table on Thursday, the bid session and Key Note Speaker, Mike Seastrom, on Friday and the Fashion Show on Saturday. Our Vice-Chairman for the Fashion Show, Linda Carlile, has planned National Fashion Shows before so you know you are going to enjoy it very much.

In the next nine editions of the E-Magazines you will hear from our different board members all the plans they are making for you so that you can plan the dances, tours, special events, education sessions and all the other things that will be going on in Jackson the “City with Soul”. So be sure to check out the E-Magazine each month to see what is available at the 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC.

Psst have you heard Patsy Cline may be there along with Elvis?

**Our Soul Team Board looks forward to welcoming you to Jackson for some  
ULTIMATE FUN in 2021  
The “City with Soul” has what you want, and we’ve got the best of it.**

## DAN AND GLINDA TORVIK

General Chairman

70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention®





Dancing Fun in 2021 in the "City with Soul"

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## STAY CURRENT ON 70thNSDC NEWS

### Three Ways to Plan Your June 2021 Trip to Jackson

September 1, 2020—The 70<sup>th</sup> National Square Dance Convention® Committee wants dancers to have all the information they need to plan their trip to Jackson, MS, for the convention from June 23 to 26 in 2021. In addition to reading about upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC plans in club publications, dancers can get timely information in three easy ways: National Squares E-Magazine, the convention website, and the convention Facebook page.

The National Squares E-Magazine is distributed monthly via email and is the source of all things associated with the 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC—and it is FREE to subscribe! Go to <http://nsdcnec.com/> and on the lower left side of the Home page click on "Subscribe to NEC Mailings." It is that simple.

The 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC has its own website, <https://70nsdc.com>, where dancers can register to attend, find out where registered dancers are coming from, purchase convention clothing and much, much more. Check it out and visit it often.

Finally, please follow the 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC on Facebook! It is a great place to view square dancing videos, find out where our general chairmen are traveling to promote the convention, learn what the convention board and its committees have in store for you and more. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/70nsdc>.

Have questions about the convention? Go to the Contact Us page on the 70<sup>th</sup> NSDC website and send Convention Committee members an email.

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